

SPIKE IT UP!

Lady Spikers spears down Lady Falcons, 3-0

La Salle Lady Spikers triumphantly carved their names as champions as they skillfully outplayed the mighty Adamson Lady Falcons, with a huge score difference, 3-0, during the UAAP Season 86 Women's Volleyball held at the Mall of Asia, Manila, on Saturday, February 14.

In the first match, the game was off to a thrilling start as both teams impressively displayed their expertise in fighting for the first lead. However, Angel Canino, last season's rookie MVP from Lady Spikers, fervently set the tone of the match as she boosted the team ahead by scoring 14 points, together with 11 attacks and 3 blocks, earning them their first win, 25-16.

As the second set commenced, the Lady Falcons attempted to avenge the missed win, but the lack of crucial players from the team, resulted in a scuffle as they failed to keep up with the formidable prowess of the Lady Spikers, with Shevana Laput, bolstering the team by marking 11 points and 3 blocks, together with Amie Provideo accumulating 8 points, directing the team to another victory, 25-16.

The tension in the arena rapidly heightened, as both teams resiliently defended their designated side of the court with the hopes of achieving the glory of the game for the last, decisive set. Keeping up with their momentum, Lady Spikers continued to score for the match, on the other hand, Lady Falcons, with no traces of being dismayed, continued to attain a score with Rochelle Lalongsip and veteran spiker Lucille Almonte serving 6 points, respectively. Nevertheless, the strength and skills of the Lady Spikers were too hard to match, as Julia Coronel exuded her valor by garnering 13 points and adding 10 digs to capture the title as victors of the game, 25-18.

After the hard-fought battle, Angel Canino praised the team's hard work and determination to reach this milestone.

IT'S BACK ON TRACK!

Unigames '24 ignites sportsmanship in Dipolog City

Upholding to showcase the relevance of camaraderie and rekindle sportsmanship across the nation, the most awaited annual University Games was successfully accommodated in the home grounds of Dipolog City on Sunday, January 21-27.

With the support of the Dipolog City Government, spearheaded by Mayor Darel Dexter Uy, the event was achieved due to the collective efforts of the government in shouldering the expenses and the preparation of the venues.

Fueled with burning spirits and enthusiasm, an estimated 1,000 athletes, coaches, and assistants from 31 different universities nationwide gathered to present their fervor in competing against opposing universities with the determination to bring home the crown as champions in their respective games.

Furthermore, the Unigames extends to different kinds of sports such as badminton, basketball, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball, beach volleyball, and futsal.

The Unigames being held in Mindanao, specifically Dipolog City, not only nurture and unite the talents of Athletes, but it can also promote the warmth and serenity of the region, as well as bring the City closer to their goal of being hailed as “Sporty Dipolog” where they cater sports events in the whole region.

FOR THE GLORY!

Gilas Pilipinas clinches the way to Fiba Asia Cup 2025

With the joint power of camaraderie and perseverance, Gilas Pilipinas together with their coach, Tim Cone, prosperously gained the coveted key to succeed for the Fiba Asia Cup 2025, as they triumphed in the qualifying game against the Chinese Taipei, 106-53, at the Philsports Arena on Sunday, February 25.

Following their hard-fought victory, Kai Sotto, one of the crucial players who boosted the team ahead with his awe-dropping double-double scoring 18 points as well as 10 rebounds, highlighted that this accomplishment is not merely concentrated on defeating the Chinese Taipei, rather, it largely focuses on the team's ultimate goal - to advance for the battle in the Olympics.

Supporting this objective, Coach Cone, the newly selected permanent coach, expressed his gratitude towards the fans for their never-ending support which led to the exhilarating success of the Gilas Pilipinas, reviving once more the Filipino pride and glory. Cone also underlined the team's ambition to qualify for the Olympics.

This accomplishment not only gives way for the team to grab their goals but also deepens the comradeship and will aid in paving more opportunities for the Filipinos to shine and show their skills and talents.

ZNNHS REAPS DCIT, 51-50

Zamboanga del Norte National High School triumphed over the formidable Dipolog City Institute of Technology in a neck-to-neck match, with a one-point score difference, 51-50, bagging home the title as champions during the Inter High School Basketball Tournament Championship Round, at SMA Covered court on January 4, 2024.

During the first match, John Yu started the game strong as he exhibited his prowess, earning the team its first lead, 6-2. However, their pace was destroyed as Ed Maturan from DCIT, swiftly turned the tables, resulting in a tie, 10-10. The intense game continued until DCIT seized the round, 18-16, earning them the first lead.

As the second quarter started, DCIT continued to score until Chris Lin of ZNNHS, having no thoughts of losing, presided over DCIT by shooting an epic three-point shot, bolstering the team ahead, 30-28.

The tension quickly rose over the court, making the game more thrilling, as both teams continued to score against the other. The two teams resiliently safeguarded their side, which resulted in difficulty for ZNNHS and DCIT in shooting a score, leaving both teams in a deadlock, 43-43.

Keeping up with the intensity, in the final playoffs, the opposing teams exuded all their spirit and energy as they attempted to win this final quarter. However, Yu, together with Leo Perez in the ZNNHS team, finally made a three-point shot. Not wanting to be outdone, the DCIT quickly caught up and accomplished three strategic shots. In the last ten seconds, Perez lobbed the crucial shot earning them the crown of the game, 51-50.

"It was a hard-earned victory. Thank God for the strength and guidance," Yu, enthusiastically enthused.

Moreover, the reigning champion during the 2023 championship round, SMA, came off in third place in the basketball tournament.

CREAMLINE SPIKES DOWN CHOCO MUCHO, 3-2

Choco Mucho triumphantly seized the glory as they outplayed the mighty Creamline in the championship set, with a one-point score difference, 3-2, during the 2023 PVL All-Filipino Conference Finals Game, held at Smart Araneta Coliseum on December 16.

As the players enter the scene, a symphony of cheers and a vibrant mix of colors are distinctly present in the symposium while the crowd divides itself with their preferred teams.

In the first set, the anticipation grew robust as Rondina (18), from the Choco Mucho, spiked the ball to the other side, implicating the start of the match. As the round continued, Choco Mucho consistently scored against Creamline, gaining them the lead on the scoreboard, 24-22.

As the second set started, the tension quickly rose between the two teams as Creamline swiftly caught up with the missing points, leading to a draw, 20-20. Until Jema Galanza from Creamline broke the tie with her merciless spike, 21-20. This momentum continued directing to the team's first win, 24-22.

Choco Mucho took on the challenge of taking back their loss, however, Creamline's spikes and serves were too powerful to defeat, leading to Creamline scoring the third round, 28-27.

With Creamline still leading at the initial start of the fourth set, Choco Mucho, having no thoughts of being defeated in this round, finally caught up in the leading board, reaching another triumph for the team, 24-20.

In the last and decisive set, the pressure was on as all players were on their feet while they sought out the strategies and gameplay of the opponents, in order to gain victory in this final round. Keeping up with their previous win, Choco Mucho leads the last round with 4-3. Still, with Creamline's never-ending determination, they unfailingly reclaim the lacking points with Alyza Valdez delivering the final blow, bringing home the laurels and title as champions.

ZNNHS sweeps DCIT, 51-50

by: Shintaine Berodias

In a gripping display of skill, strategy, and determination, Zamboanga del Norte National High School (ZNNHS) pulverized Dipolog City Institute of Technology (DCIT) in a close battle, 51-50, in Inter-High School Basketball Tournament held at Saint Mary's Academy Covered Court, last January 4, 2024.

As the first quarter commenced, ZNNHS' John Yu scored two consecutive shots as they took the lead, 6-2; but was outclassed as DCIT's unyielding Gd. Moturan exhibited a remarkable play claiming the quarter, 18-16.

In the second encounter, ZNNHS' Chris Lim took the sports scene by storm as he made three consecutive three-point shot against DCIT taking the lead, 30-28.

In the third match, both teams demonstrated their prowess, executing precise passes, strategic plays, and remarkable defensive maneuvers as they create an electrifying backdrop for the title clash leading them to tie, 43-43.

In the final face-off, the battle for the limelight continues as ZNNHS' Yu showcased his prodigious talent and skills with the help of his teammate, Leo Perery. Despite the intense yet calm and thrilling fight, DCIT managed to chase and showed off their determination and did three straight shots.

The defining moment arrived when Perery came up with another sterling performance taking the last 10-second clock and made a 3-point shot resulting them to take home the beacon, 51-50.

"It was a hard-earned victory. Thank God for the strength and guidance," Yu stated with triumph.

Moreover, Saint Mary's Academy clinched the third place and ended their reign as ZNNHS took home the championship title.

Saint Mary's Academy clinched the third place and ended

Axelsen dethrones Chen, 2-0
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Sea Games 2023: Vietnam advances to Finals
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In a thrilling display of skill and determination, Vietnam's Bui Dinh advanced to finals after closing out Philippine's Noah Gonzales in a close battle, 3-2 thrashing in the semi-finals of the tennis men's padded combat 55-60kg in 32nd Southeast Asian Games held at Hall A, Changyuan Convention Centre in Phnom Penh, Cambodia last May 15, 2023.

From lightning-fast strikes to intricate defensive maneuvers, Philippine's Gonzales exhibited a mastery of techniques as he ruled over the first set against Vietnam's Dinh, 5-0.

As the second set commences, Gonzales continued to unveil strategic attacks keeping the momentum as he took the set again, 5-2; but Dinh took the challenge demonstrating an excavating artistry of arms claiming the third set, 5-0.

As the game progressed, it became a battleground for control with each players vying for dominance and the chance to launch decisive attacks; but Dinh unleashed a stunning display of skills, weaving through Gonzales' defense nabbing the fourth set, 5-2.

The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as both players demonstrated their prowess, creating an electrifying backdrop for the set to advance for the finals; however Dinh solidified his status leading the match making Gonzales fought valiantly launching a series of desperate attacks in a bid to overturn the scoreline.

THE CLASH OF THE DECADE!

Choco Mucho outplays Petro Gazz, 3-2

In a gripping display of skills and determination, Choco Mucho rules the court as they magnificently emerge as the champions against the daunting Petro Gazz in a close battle with five sets, 24-26, 25-22, 25-18, 24-26, 15-13, during the 2024 Premier Volleyball League All-Filipino Conference, at the Philsport Arena.

In the initial set, the game ignited strong as both teams were eager to set the tone of the court by asserting dominance against the other. As the round continued, Choco Mucho consistently showed off their intricate maneuvers, however, Petro Gazz unceasingly exhibited their mastery of the game, gaining them the first win, 24-26.

With no traces of being dismayed, in the second match, Choco Mucho fervently flaunts their burning spirits toward winning this game as they swiftly caught up with the missing points, although Petro Gazz continued with their momentum in the first set, Choco Mucho's powerful strikes were too hard to match, resulting in the first victory of Choco Mucho for the second set, 25-22.

Keeping up with their hot momentum, Choco Mucho continued to serve their strategic attacks, unleashing their mastery and control of the court, captivating the limelight again, 25-18.

In the fourth set, Petro Gazz took on the challenge of taking back their loss, they excessively exuded their vigor by landing awe-dropping strikes and unrivaled defense, with the sudden change in demeanor, Choco Mucho failed to keep up with their energy, leading to a tight score, 24-16.

With both teams being in a deadlock, 2-2, the tension mounted to its highest point, as both teams are on their guard as they sought out the strategies and gameplay of the opponents, in order to win the title as champions in this crucial final round. Choco Mucho had the upper hand of the game as Rondina bolstered the team with her blocks gaining to a 13-7 lead. Not wanting to be outdone, Petro Gazz showed of their extensive footwork and teamwork, however, Marian Buitre, from Choco Mucho, delivering the final blow, sealing their awards as champions.

This hard-fought victory was also contributed due to the collective efforts of their chemistry as a team. Alba scored 25 outstanding sets, while Rondina gave off 24 points from her attacks and 22 receptions. Kat Tolentino advanced the team with 17 points, and Isa Molde with her 12 points, and lastly with the team captain Maddie Madayag and Cherry Nunag scoring 11 points for the team.

"Until now, I am still thinking how it took us that long to finish the game because we had a lot of chances to end it," Coach Dante Alinsunurin, expressed in an interview. He stressed the needs of improvement of the two-hour-long match.

Moreover, on the same day, Petro Gazz were set to have another battle to reclaim their title, against PLDT, which is led by Savannah Davinson

Gawilan dominates 4th Asian Para Games

Unstoppable Ernie Gawilan, carrying the pride and honor of the Philippines, successfully bagged the historic gold medal in the men's 400-meter freestyle S7 event during the 4th Asian Para Games held in the home grounds of Hangzhou, China, on October 24, 2023.

Despite being handicapped, this didn't stop him as he exuded all his strength and clinched a bronze medal finish in the men's 200m individual medley, together with a remarkable achievement in the 400m freestyle in an outstanding time record of four minutes and 58.29 seconds.

After spending countless hours in training and enhancing his skills, this finally earned him the most-eyed for gold medal, resulting in another victory and milestone for the Philippines.

"It's a rare achievement to win the first gold for your country. I'm happy that it was able to accomplish this," Gawilan, enthusiastically expressed in an interview.

Furthermore, Soon Toh Wei, from Singapore, nabbed home the silver medal, with a finishing time of 5:12.16, while Human Xiangquan, a representative from China, clinched the bronze medal in 5:16.33.

THE BATTLE OF WILLS!

Featherweight Title Showdown: Garcia knocks Lopez

In a devastating exhibit of grit, determination, and power, Garcia ferociously captured the vied title of Featherweight against the vicious Lopez, by landing an overwhelming technical knockdown, in a span of 240 seconds, during the World Boxing Organization Featherweight Title at American Airlines Center, Dallas, Texas, USA.

The symposium was filled to the brim with eager spectators, roaring with words of encouragement as they awaited the last man standing in this fierce battle of pride and glory.

As the sound of the opening bell echoed throughout the stadium, strategic maneuvers graced the ring, as both opponents tried to analyze the gameplay of the other.

Mikey Garcia, the former bearer of the Featherweight title, but was stripped due to his exceeding weight, entered the scene with a cunning smile as he raised the tension between him and Juan Lopez by displaying his foxlike movements and delivering hard strikes to Lopez in the initial round.

With no traces of being dismayed, Lopez withstood his composure and continued to mirror back the blows Garcia flung towards his way, by strengthening his defense and delivering sharper shots to his opponent.

However, a jab, straight right combination bolted towards Garcia, setting him back to the 10-second count, although this did not affect his burning spirit as he stood his ground within the duration of 8 seconds.

In the third match, Lopez took on the challenge of reclaiming his dignity as he unyieldingly hoisted himself against the electrifying prowess of Garcia.

Nevertheless, Garcia's dominance over the ring radiated blindingly as he released his thunderous right-hand blow which left

Lopez stunned, followed by a left, to the side of the head, mounting more to the taste of defeat for Lopez in the fourth round.

After the preceding battle, Lopez still showed his unwavering willpower, until the referee, Rafael Ramos, decided to end the match.

Despite the hard-fought battle, Garcia still can't hold the title as Featherweight since he surpassed the expected weight limit for the title by gaining 2 lbs.

BOSTON CELTICS SWEEP GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS, 140-88

In front of a roaring and thunderous home crowd, the Boston Celtics victoriously triumphed as they massacred the formidable Golden State Warriors in the remaining minutes, with an enormous score difference, 140-88, cementing their name into history as champions during NBA Season 2023-24 in the home grounds of Boston on March 3, 2023.

As the clock started ticking, the match ignited strongly as both teams were eager to showcase their fervor in setting the tone of the court.

During the first match, Jaylen Brown started the game strong as he exhibited his prowess, bolstering the team ahead with 19 points. The intense game continued until Celtic seized the round, 44-22, earning them the first lead, while also marking the biggest halftime lead in franchise history.

The big three from the Golden State Warriors, Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green were not allowed to step into the court for the second time due to the disappointment of their head coach in witnessing the performance of the team.

As the second quarter started, the Warriors continued to avenge the missing points as their offense tried to preside over the opposing team, however, the skills and prowess of the Celtics were too hard to match as they constantly massacred the Warriors, 38-16.

Keeping up with the intensity, the Celtics rapidly upped their dominance as they boosted their score by 50 points above the other team, resulting in difficulty for the Warriors to score against them, 33-24.

As the next set started, the symposium was filled with cheers of encouragement or with sighs of disappointment as their preferred teams battled against each other. The tension quickly rose over the court, making the game more thrilling, as both teams exuded all their spirit and energy as they attempted to win this final quarter. This tension continued to heighten until the Celtics ended this round with their unrivaled defense and offence, grabbing the crown of the game with 180-44, marking another victory for the team.

After the hard-fought battle, Boston Celtic, etched their name into history for being the first NBA team to triumphed in three games by gaining 50 points in a single season.

“It feels great, but, at the same time, it's always within humility. We don't take the game for granted. We didn't come and mess around and that's just how we show our respect to the game; we handle business and take care of it. ... It's a lot of respect for the Golden State Warriors, but we feel like it's our time now,” Brown enthusiastically enthused.

On the other hand, the Warriors suffered their biggest loss for this season and the third largest in franchise history after being subjected to a season-low 88 points.

“They’re the best team in the league right now, and they played like it ... that was hard to watch from the other side,” Curry heart-achingly said.

Red Wolves smash their way to Gold in Badminton Championships

In the dashing display of powerful smashes and strategic maneuvers, Grade 11 Roaring Lions ruled the court as they magnificently emerged as the champions, securing the vied gold medal after a series of intense battles, followed by Grade 8 Yellow Hornets, bagging the well-earned silver medal, and Grade 10 Red Wolves, securing the bronze medal during the Intramurals 2024 at Zamboanga del Norte National High School - Turno.

During the boys' championship, the match ignited strongly as Xyvan S. Pondara, from the Roaring Lions, clashed with the Yellow Hornets' Ozaraga, flaunting his swift footwork and control over the match, which secured the First Single's victory for Grade 11, 21-10. With no intention of being outdone, throughout the doubles, Yellow Hornets' Equia and Garanvillo, fervently displayed their burning spirits toward winning this game as they swiftly rallied against the Roaring Lions' Realiza and Cagasan to draw the score, 21-15. With both teams in a deadlock, 1-1, all eyes quickly befall on the 2nd Single's Match to determine the possessor of the Gold Medal. In a thrilling showdown, Magcanta showcased his exceptional skill, ultimately defeating Lagunero to secure the championship for the Roaring Lions.

FIGHTING MAROONS DETHRONES GREEN ARCHERS, 66-62

The University of the Philippines (UP) Fighting Maroons triumphantly seized the court as they outplayed the mighty Green Archers from De La Salle in a neck-to-neck battle of best of three series, with a score difference of 66-62, during the UAAP Season 87 Men's Basketball Championship at Smart Araneta Coliseum on Sunday, December 15.

During the first half, Francis Lopez from Fighting Maroons ignited the game with great enthusiasm as he showcased his intense maneuvers, bolstering the team with 12 points ahead of the Green Archers. This scoring streak continued as JC Macalag upped their dominance, garnering 21-19 against the opposing team. Showing no signs of being dismayed, Green Archers avenged the missing points as Doi Dungo tied it up with a layup, a two-point shot, ending the first quarter in a deadlock at 21-21. For the second quarter, the Fighting Maroons continued to penetrate their opponents with daunting layups and throws, setting a boundary between the scores at 46-42.

As the second half commenced, Green Archers attempted to redressed the recent loss, but Quentin Millora-Brown from the Fighting Maroons resumes UP's tally as he scored the first basket with a putback, 44-36. As the game carried on, La Salle's showed a promising outcome as they cut into the 14-point deficit, 10-2. However, this still proves to be challenging for the team as UP still maintains the lead heading to the final quarter, 56-50.

Tension quickly rose over the court, as both teams are gearing up for the last match. Green Archers attained the first points as Mike Phillips opened the fourth quarter with a layup. A non-stop back and fourth clash between the two rivals prolonged on until JD Cagulangan from the Fighting Maroon blazes a pivotal three-pointer with only 6 minutes left. UP's overpowering tactics led them an unavoidable victory, earning them the crown of the season with 66-62 victory.

With the guidance of their Coach Goldwin Monteverde, the Fighting Maroons effectively implemented their strategies towards their championship success. After the hard-fought battle, this triumphed will be cemented into the roaring legacy of their history in the UAAP as this marks UP's fourth overall title in men's basketball.

ARNISADORS STRIKE 11 GOLD, 1 BRONZE IN DICAAC MEET 2024

With the joint power of camaraderie and perseverance, goal-driven students from ZNNHS TURNO: Sept Gay Salaveria, Jaikah Sofia Llego, and Wrybvyl Fhrytz J-xyck E. Vallecer served a remarkable display of skills as they garnered 11 gold and 1 bronze, bringing in pride and honor at the 2024 Dipolog City Athletic Association (DICAA) Meet, held December 11-13 at Dipolog Multi-Sports Stadium, Olingan, Dipolog City.

For the Double Baston (double stick) Category, Wrybvyl Fhrytz J-xyck E. Vallecer ruled over the competition as he showcased his intricate movements, unceasingly exhibiting his mastery of the sport

Fueled with burning spirits and enthusiasm, Salaveria along with Llego and Rhiana Ducay flaunted their unified expertise as they seemingly moved with precision and calculated movements for the Synchronized Anyo Category. The trio mastered Single Stick, Double Stick, and Sword and Dagger.

In the following matches, Salaveria entered the arena with a clear target in mind: securing that gold medal. As she continued to unveil her exceptional ability to hold the baton, she ultimately rose above the rest, earning her a gold medal.

With the same unparalleled fervor, Llego consistently delivered high energy to her matches. Through every strike, Llego's passion and accuracy ignited the competition, fueling her team's march toward triumph.

"I've accomplished what I set out to do, and I'm truly proud," declared Sept Gay L. Salaveria, gold medalist.

KICK TO GLORY: Azkals paves way to AFC Asian Cup 2024

The Philippine National Football Team, The Azkals, victoriously etched their names into history as they ruled over Thailand in a thrilling 2-1 victory to qualify for the AFC Asian Cup 2024 during the semifinals of the Asean 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Cup Friday night at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Malate, Manila.

As the Azkals took to the field, the atmosphere was electric as they were greeted by the deafening cheers of Filipino supporters between the sea of white and blue. From the first whistle, both teams played with matching intensity, however, Stephen Schrok from the Azkals bolstered the team as he drew the first win, 1-0.

With no signs of being dismayed, Thailand upped its dominance by kicking a stunning shot just before halftime, leaving the score at 1-1. The tension in the air quickly rose as both opposing sides fought with everything they had, knowing what was at stake.

In the 87th minute, the Azkals peaked into their moment of shining glory. Sandro Reyes from the team booted a swift counterattack through his decisive strike that went soaring past Thailand's goalkeeper. The crowd erupted as the Azkals took the lead, marking a momentous triumph that secured their spot in the Asian Cup, 2-1.

Under the guidance of head coach Scott Cooper, the Azkals demonstrated exceptional tactical brilliance and teamwork on the field. This accomplishment makes it the second time the Philippines has qualified for the AFC Asian Cup, a milestone that reflects the country's perseverance and determination to strive for the better.

FACT SHEET #3

Philippines strikes past Indonesia 1-0, Advances to ASEAN Cup Semifinals

The Philippine Men's National Football team arose as champions as they conquered the field against Indonesia's domineering team with a lethal 1-0 victory, securing a spot in the semifinals of the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024 in the home grounds of Indonesia at Manahan Stadium, Surakarta, on December 21, 2024.

The match started on a challenging note for the Philippines as goalkeeper Patrick Deyto was shoved off the field due to an injury sustained after a tackle from behind. Quincy Kammeraad was quick to step in to replace him, and the team battled on.

Despite not scoring during the first half, Bjorn Kristensen made a breakthrough during the 63rd minute which shifted the winning scale on their side as Indonesia struggled to find an equalizer.

Keeping up with their undefeated defense, Uriel Dalapo doubled the lead, while Jarvey Gayaso's late attempt was denied by the Indonesian goalkeeper, thus

extending the game to eleven more minutes. In spite of this setback, the Philippines held firm to seal the victory and earned their first win of the tournament, 1-0.

This feat not only secured the Philippines' place in the semifinals but also highlights the team's first win against Indonesia's decade-long streak from 2014.

Looking ahead, the Philippines will face a challenging matchup against Thailand in the semifinals, with the first leg scheduled for December 27 and the return leg on December 30.

FACT SHEET #4

Manny Pacquiao bags spot in International Boxing Hall of Fame's Class of 2025

In reflection of his unwavering dedication and unmatched prowess, Manny Pacquiao, one of the Philippines' star icons, has officially nabbed a spot in the International Boxing Hall of Fame's Class of 2025. As the announcement spread like wildfire across the country, a tide of excitement and support waved throughout the boxing fandom. Pacquiao's remarkable accomplishment not only brings pride to himself but also to the whole country. The official rewarding ceremony is set to take place in Canastota, New York from June 5-8, 2025, where notable boxing legends from around the entire globe will come together to celebrate this milestone.

Pacquiao's never-ending accomplishments inside the arena are a testament to his hard work and perseverance. With him garnering word titles in eight different weight divisions, from flyweight (112 pounds) to super welterweight (154 pounds), he cemented into history what it meant to be champion. Over his career, Pacquiao compiled a record of 62 wins, 8 losses, and 2 draws, including victories over 22 world champions.

Beyond his life in the ring, Pacquiao's influence goes beyond the world of boxing. His political efforts as a senator, and a presidential run in 2022 have all mounted to his legacy as an inspiration for Filipinos and fans around the world.

Furthermore, Pacquiao's induction will be celebrated alongside the former two-division champions Vinny Paz and Michael Nunn, and the modern women's champions Anne Sophie Mathis, Mary Jo Sanders, and Yessica Chavez. This triumph that they have achieved will resonate with the country's pride and glory, leaving a noted mark in its history.

FACT SHEET #4 second article

New York Knicks face Oklahoma City Thunder in streak showdown

The red-hot New York Knicks are on a roll as they keep their nine-game winning streak burning, and are surging into battle against the daunting Oklahoma City

Thunder, who come in riding a 12-game winning streak of their own on Friday, January 3, 2025, at the Paycom Center in Oklahoma City.

With both teams on a winning streak, heat is quickly rising as roars and shouts prepare for an all-out war for the ultimate champion to level up to another round.

The Knicks are amid a tear, having just thrashed the Utah Jazz 119-103 in their last match. Karl Anthony Town with his unmatched fervor, racked up 31 points and 21 rebounds, while Josh Hart set ablaze his second consecutive triple-double, garnering up to 15 points, 14 rebounds, and 12 assists. Mikal Bridges continued the team's way to victory by dropping 27 points, and OG Anunoby brought out a defensive fire with 22 points and three steals.

Despite their consecutive wins, the team wrought a blow as both Jalen Brunson and Miles McBride are dealing with a calf injury and a hamstring issue. Their absence could shift the balance, making the next battle against the Oklahoma City Thunder more challenging.

On the other side of the court, the Oklahoma City Thunder have proved themselves to be unstoppable as they prevailed over the Minnesota Timberwolves, 113-105. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander amplified the team with his 40 points and four assists. Moreover, Isaiah Hartenstein supported their victory with 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Jalen Williams kept the offensive flow going with 14 points and seven rebounds.

With the stakes higher than ever, the opposing teams, both on a winning streak will bring out their best their best, knowing that a victory could be the defining moment of their season.

Here are some commonly used verbs in sports writing: # Action Verbs 1. **Slam**: to score emphatically (e.g., "LeBron James slammed the ball home.") 2. **Sprint**: to run swiftly (e.g., "The sprinter crossed the finish line first.") 3. **Soar**: to jump high (e.g., "The basketball player soared through the air.") 4. **Dart**: to move quickly (e.g., "The running back darted through the defense.") 5. **Blast**: to hit powerfully (e.g., "The golfer blasted the ball out of the sand trap.") 6. **Torch**: to dominate (e.g., "The team torched their opponents.") 7. **Pounce**: to seize opportunity (e.g., "The defender pounced on the fumble.") # Competitive Verbs 1. **Edge**: to narrowly defeat (e.g., "The team edged their rivals 2-1.") 2. **Outmaneuver**: to outsmart opponents (e.g., "The quarterback outmaneuvered the defense.") 3. **Outlast**: to endure longer (e.g., "The marathon runner outlasted competitors.") 4. **Outmuscle**: to overpower physically (e.g., "The wrestler outmuscled his opponent.") 5. **Upset**: to defeat unexpectedly (e.g., "The underdog team upset the champions.") 6. **Stave**: to prevent defeat (e.g., "The team staved off elimination.") 7. **Fend**: to defend against (e.g., "The boxer fended off his opponent's attacks.") # Descriptive Verbs 1. **Slice**: to hit precisely (e.g., "The tennis player sliced the ball.") 2. **Dice**: to skillfully evade

(e.g., "The running back diced through defenders.") 3. **Weave**: to navigate through opponents (e.g., "The point guard wove through traffic.") 4. **Pinch**: to expertly field (e.g., "The shortstop pinched the line drive.") 5. **Cruise**: to win effortlessly (e.g., "The team cruised to victory.") 6. **Coast**: to win comfortably (e.g., "The cyclist coasted to the finish line.") 7. **Glide**: to move smoothly (e.g., "The figure skater glided across the ice.") # Dramatic Verbs 1. **Stun**: to shock opponents (e.g., "The underdog stunned the favorites.") 2. **Shatter**: to break records (e.g., "The athlete shattered the world record.") 3. **Electrify**: to thrill spectators (e.g., "The playmaker electrified the crowd.") 4. **Devastate**: to defeat comprehensively (e.g., "The team devastated their opponents 10-0.") 5. **Clinch**: to secure victory (e.g., "The boxer clinched the title.") 6. **Seal**: to secure victory (e.g., "The team sealed the win.") 7. **Capitalize**: to take advantage (e.g., "The team capitalized on their opponent's mistake.") # Vintage Verbs 1. **Thrash**: to defeat decisively (e.g., "The team thrashed their rivals.") 2. **Trounce**: to defeat convincingly (e.g., "The favorite trounced the underdog.") 3. **Wallop**: to hit forcefully (e.g., "The boxer walloped his opponent.") 4. **Rout**: to defeat overwhelmingly (e.g., "The team routed their opponents.") 5. **Skewer**: to defeat decisively (e.g., "The chess player skewered her opponent.") 6. **Drub**: to defeat soundly (e.g., "The team drubbed their opponents.") 7. **Trounce**: to defeat decisively (e.g., "The favorite trounced the underdog.")

The Pac-Man Phenomenon: Manny Pacquiao's Rise to Boxing Immortality "Boxing is not just about winning; it's about giving hope." These words from Manny Pacquiao encapsulate his extraordinary journey from poverty-stricken streets to global boxing icon. Born on December 17, 1978, in General Santos, Philippines, Pacquiao began boxing at 12. His professional debut at 16 marked the beginning of an illustrious career. The national fist's ferocious fighting style, characterized by lightning-fast footwork and devastating punches, inspired the "Pac-Man" nickname. This moniker, coined by boxing enthusiasts, solidified his status as a formidable opponent. The Filipino warrior rise to prominence was meteoric, he became the youngest world champion at 19, winning the World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title, this victory marked the beginning of an unprecedented eight-division world championship reign. The Filipino fury's notable fights against Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton and Keith Thurman cemented his legendary status. His victories transcended personal triumph, uniting Filipinos worldwide. eight division titles and numerous records shattered expectations. Beyond the ring, the champion of underdogs commitment to philanthropy has transformed countless lives. His dedication to education, healthcare and disaster relief initiatives has inspired hope. Pacquiao's legacy extends far beyond boxing, symbolizing Filipino resilience. The Pac-Man phenomenon continues to inspire, reminding us that greatness can emerge from adversity Manny Pacquiao's story remains etched in history, a testament to determination, generosity and hope.

Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells the Story: Crafting Legends in Sports Sports are more than just games; they are living chronicles of triumph, defeat, and everything in between. In every arena, on every field, there is a battle not just for victory but for legacy. Who lives on in the annals of history? Who fades into the background? And most importantly, who has the power to tell their story? In the world of sports, the phrase “who lives, who dies, who tells the story” resonates profoundly. Every championship-winning athlete, every coach on the sideline, and every underdog who beats the odds contributes to a narrative. But not all stories are told equally. The Heroes and the Forgotten Icons like Michael Jordan, Serena Williams, and Manny Pacquiao are celebrated worldwide, their legacies immortalized through endless documentaries, biographies, and highlight reels. But what about the lesser-known athletes who paved the way? The benchwarmers who inspired teammates, or the pioneers who never saw the spotlight? Their contributions often remain untold, lost in the shadows of more prominent names. For instance, Gilas Pilipinas fans remember clutch performers like Jimmy Alapag, whose three-point heroics helped define a generation of Filipino basketball. Yet, how often do we hear about the role players who fought for loose balls and set up those iconic moments? The Power of Storytellers In sports, journalists, broadcasters, and fans become the storytellers. They decide which moments are etched into collective memory and which are relegated to footnotes. Consider Kai Sotto’s recent injury during a B.League game. If Sotto’s recovery leads to a triumphant return, it could cement his story as one of resilience and perseverance. But what if it doesn’t? Who will shape the narrative then? Even in victory, narratives differ. The Golden State Warriors' dynastic run is often framed around Stephen Curry's brilliance, yet the unsung contributions of players like Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala are critical threads in the tapestry of their success. The Fans’ Role Fans play a pivotal part in storytelling. Through social media posts, chants in arenas, and even grassroots documentaries, they amplify the stories they believe deserve to live on. They decide which players and moments become immortalized in the cultural consciousness. In the end, sports mirror life. Not everyone can be the protagonist, but everyone plays a role. As spectators, players, and storytellers, we have a responsibility to recognize the contributions of all who step onto the stage, whether they live on in highlight reels or the quiet recollections of those who were there. Because in sports, as in history, the question remains: Who lives, who dies, and who tells the story? The answer lies in how we choose to remember.

Feature: "Oscar-Winning Tears: The Drama of Sports Performance"

In Hollywood, an actor’s raw emotional performance can win them an Oscar. In sports, the equivalent is a moment of emotional release—whether it’s a player crying after a big win, a coach shedding tears of frustration, or a fan overwhelmed by the excitement of a championship victory. These "Oscar-winning tears" in sports

are as powerful as any scripted scene in a movie, because they represent the culmination of years of hard work, sacrifice, and personal growth.

Athletes' tears are often seen as the most genuine expression of their journey. From the heartbroken faces of players who fall just short of victory to the joyous outbursts of those who have finally achieved their dreams, these moments humanize them and turn their athletic feats into stories we connect with on a deeper level. Consider a basketball player making the game-winning shot in the finals and breaking into tears—those tears are a reflection of the countless hours spent on the court, the personal struggles they've faced, and the triumph over adversity. In a way, these moments are the unsung performances of athletes, deserving of their own type of award.

Just as an actor immerses themselves in their character, athletes invest everything into their sport. And sometimes, when the stakes are highest, those emotions pour out uncontrollably. Whether it's through a long-awaited championship win or the devastation of injury, the drama of sports brings out the kind of emotion that could rival any Oscar-winning role. In these fleeting, intense moments, athletes remind us why we watch in the first place: for the story, for the emotion, and for the human connection.

Column: "Oscar-Winning Tears: Are They a Sign of Strength or Weakness?"

In sports, tears are a common sight—often seen as the raw expression of an athlete's dedication and passion. But should we always interpret them as a sign of strength, or is there a darker side to these "Oscar-winning tears" that we often overlook?

While it's easy to romanticize the emotional release of an athlete after a major victory or loss, we must also consider the pressure that comes with the spotlight. For some athletes, tears represent the burden of years of expectation, the pressure to perform, and the heavy weight of public scrutiny. What happens when that pressure becomes too much? Are these tears truly a reflection of their emotional journey, or are they a sign of something deeper, like burnout or mental fatigue?

Tears are often seen as the ultimate display of vulnerability, but they can also serve as an opportunity for growth and healing. Many athletes have spoken out about how emotional moments in their careers—whether through triumph or failure—have forced them to reckon with their personal struggles. In a way, the act of crying after a big game, a loss, or a failure becomes a pivotal moment of self-realization and transformation. They shed the skin of public expectation and show the world the person behind the athlete.

However, it's crucial to remember that athletes are not invincible. Their tears can signify moments of immense emotional and physical toll. Just like an actor giving an

Oscar-winning performance, their tears may not always come from victory—they can also stem from the weight of the journey itself.

KICK THROUGH IT!

Nottingham Forests kicks down Wolverhampton Wanderers, 2-1

In a gripping display of skills and determination, Nottingham Forests rules the field as they magnificently emerge as the champions against the daunting Wolverhampton Wanderers in a close battle 2-1, during the 2025 Premier League, held at the home grounds of Nottingham, City Ground on January 6, 2025.

Throughout the course of the game, Taiwo Awoniyi, the team's leading striker, bolstered the team as he ignited his skillful prowess which led to their win in the first half, 1-0. As the second half commenced, Wolves started to equalize but were left with no hopes as Forest quickly regained the lead with an impressive lead goal through the assistance of Morgan Gibbs-White, who contributed to the team's powerful offensive tactics by playing a key role with his extensive maneuvers and calculated movements. Despite the continuous pressure from the opposite team, the Forests' defensive stance, led by Willy Boly and Neco Williams, remained strong and paved the way to their victory as they momentarily held off the Wolves' attacks.

Beyond the field, in analyzing the winning team's strategy, Forest Manager Steve Cooper, instilled a more attacking style of play, focusing on improving their quick transitions and strengthening their defense. As more victories come their way, the team's cohesion and confidence have grown, making them more prepared for future matches.

This triumph marks Forests' sixth straight win against their invincible opponents. Moreover, their ongoing streak is the longest in top-flight football since 1997. With this, it opens the window for Forests to climb into the upper half of the league and push for European competition spots.

Game Action Phrases:

1. **The field is on fire** - The game is highly intense, with players giving their all and the pace of play being electrifying.
2. **A screamer** - A powerful and spectacular goal, usually from long range.
3. **Park the bus** - A team adopts a very defensive strategy, crowding their penalty area to prevent goals.
4. **Top bins** - A shot that lands in the top corner of the goal, often impossible to save.
5. **Through ball** - A perfectly weighted pass splitting defenders to set up a scoring chance.
6. **Switch the play** - Changing the ball's direction from one side of the field to the other.

7. **Box-to-box** - A midfielder who contributes both offensively and defensively, covering the entire length of the field.
8. **Clean sheet** - When a goalkeeper or team prevents the opposing team from scoring.

Emotional or Dramatic Phrases:

1. **Man on!** - A warning shout to a player that an opponent is approaching.
2. **Last-ditch tackle** - A desperate and crucial defensive intervention to stop a goal or counterattack.
3. **The magic of the cup** - Refers to the unpredictable and thrilling nature of knockout tournaments.
4. **Fergie time** - Extra time added to a match, often implying it benefits the stronger team (originating from Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson).
5. **Playing out of their skin** - A player performing at an exceptionally high level.
6. **The twelfth man** - The crowd's role in inspiring and supporting the home team.

Descriptions of Players or Teams:

1. **A fox in the box** - A striker who thrives on close-range chances and poaching goals.
2. **The wall** - A solid defender or goalkeeper who is nearly impossible to get past.
3. **Flair player** - A player known for their creativity, skill, and unpredictable moves.
4. **A talisman** - A player who is seen as the key to a team's success.
5. **Workhorse** - A player who tirelessly runs and works for the team.

Miscellaneous:

1. **Getting nutmegged** - When a player plays the ball through the legs of an opponent.
 2. **Off the woodwork** - The ball hits the post or crossbar of the goal.
 3. **Studs up** - A dangerous challenge where the player's studs are showing.
 4. **Grass cutter** - A low, hard shot that skims across the ground.
 5. **Keeper's ball** - A shout from the goalkeeper claiming the ball.
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1. **"It's raining goals"** - A high-scoring match where goals are coming in rapid succession.
 2. **"The net is bulging"** - A phrase used when a powerful shot hits the back of the net.
 3. **"This game is a barn burner"** - A thrilling and high-energy match with end-to-end action.
 4. **"The crowd is roaring"** - Reflecting the electric atmosphere created by excited fans.
 5. **"The pitch is electric"** - The energy on the field is palpable, and the players are performing at their peak.

6. **"They're lighting it up"** - A team or player is playing spectacularly, dominating the match.
7. **"The atmosphere is buzzing"** - The excitement and tension in the stadium are at a fever pitch.
8. **"They're turning up the heat"** - A team is applying relentless pressure on their opponents.
9. **"The game is a cauldron"** - The match is intense, heated, and full of passion.
10. **"It's a pressure cooker"** - The stakes are high, and every moment feels intense and crucial.
11. **"They're setting the pitch alight"** - A dazzling performance is captivating everyone watching.
12. **"The players are on fire"** - They're playing with extraordinary skill and energy.
13. **"The game is boiling over"** - Tensions are rising, and players are getting heated or emotional.
14. **"It's pandemonium out there"** - Absolute chaos and excitement, often during a dramatic moment in the match.
15. **"They're unstoppable right now"** - A team or player is in such great form that they can't be contained.

Here are some variations and extensions of **"In a remarkable display of strength..."** to add flair and intensity, perfect for soccer commentary or writing:

1. **"In a remarkable display of strength, the team clawed their way back from the brink of defeat."**
2. **"In a remarkable display of strength, they outmuscled their opponents and took control of the game."**
3. **"In a remarkable display of strength, the defender stood tall, repelling wave after wave of attacks."**
4. **"In a remarkable display of strength, the striker powered through the defense to score a sensational goal."**
5. **"In a remarkable display of strength and resilience, they held their ground against relentless pressure."**
6. **"In a remarkable display of strength, they turned the game on its head with sheer determination."**
7. **"In a remarkable display of strength, the goalkeeper defied all odds with a series of stunning saves."**
8. **"In a remarkable display of strength and unity, the team rose above the odds to claim victory."**
9. **"In a remarkable display of strength, the midfielder dominated the field, dictating the pace of the game."**

10. **"In a remarkable display of strength, the players left everything on the pitch, showing the heart of champions."**

Here are some alternative terms to replace **"In a remarkable display of strength..."** while keeping the tone dramatic and impactful:

1. **"In a breathtaking show of resilience..."**
2. **"In an awe-inspiring demonstration of power..."**
3. **"In a staggering display of dominance..."**
4. **"In a powerful exhibition of grit..."**
5. **"In a masterful show of tenacity..."**
6. **"In a jaw-dropping feat of determination..."**
7. **"In an unrelenting surge of energy..."**
8. **"In a bold display of fortitude..."**
9. **"In an electrifying show of endurance..."**
10. **"In a fearless demonstration of heart..."**

For General Sporting Action

- **"At the top of their game"**
 - **"A nail-biting finish"**
 - **"Rising to the occasion"**
 - **"Leaving it all on the field"**
 - **"An unstoppable force"**
 - **"Going the distance"**
 - **"A battle of wills"**
 - **"Pulling off a stunning upset"**
 - **"The calm before the storm"**
 - **"Grinding out a win"**
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For Individual Performance

- **"A masterclass in skill"**
- **"On fire tonight"**
- **"An ice-cold finish"**
- **"Channeling their inner champion"**

- **"An electrifying performance"**
 - **"Clutch in the final moments"**
 - **"An athletic marvel"**
 - **"A career-defining play"**
 - **"In a league of their own"**
 - **"The epitome of excellence"**
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For Team Dynamics

- **"A well-oiled machine"**
 - **"Chemistry that clicks"**
 - **"United in the face of adversity"**
 - **"A team effort from start to finish"**
 - **"Shattering expectations"**
 - **"Finding their rhythm"**
 - **"Turning defense into offense"**
 - **"A textbook execution"**
 - **"Building momentum"**
 - **"A dynasty in the making"**
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For Setbacks and Challenges

- **"Facing an uphill battle"**
 - **"Against all odds"**
 - **"Falling short of glory"**
 - **"A season marred by injuries"**
 - **"Learning from the heartbreak"**
 - **"The agony of defeat"**
 - **"A tale of missed opportunities"**
 - **"Hitting a rough patch"**
 - **"A bitter pill to swallow"**
 - **"On the wrong side of history"**
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For Historical Context

- **"A moment etched in history"**
 - **"The stuff of legends"**
 - **"Making their mark on the sport"**
 - **"A throwback to greatness"**
 - **"A rivalry renewed"**
 - **"Rewriting the record books"**
 - **"A clash for the ages"**
 - **"The dawn of a new era"**
 - **"Standing on the shoulders of giants"**
 - **"A chapter in an epic saga"**
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For Crowd and Atmosphere

- **"The roar of the crowd"**
- **"An electrified stadium"**
- **"A deafening ovation"**
- **"Fans on the edge of their seats"**
- **"Home advantage in full effect"**
- **"Silencing the doubters"**
- **"An atmosphere like no other"**
- **"The energy was palpable"**
- **"Rallying behind their heroes"**
- **"A sea of jubilation"**

IT'S RAINING GOALS

[Team A] kicks down [Team B], [Score]

In a heart-pounding match filled with skill, strategy, and resilience, [Team A] triumphantly carved their names as champions as they skillfully outplayed [Team B] in a five-set thriller, [score details], during the [Year] [Tournament Name] at [Arena Name].

As the timer goes off, both teams are on the top of their game as they fiercely pull out their athletic stances. [Team A] initiated the game with calculated tactics, but [Team B] held their ground, showcasing their trademark finesse and determination, which led them to secure the first set victory [score details].

Faced with an uphill battle, [Team A] fired back in the second set, quickly recovering from their early loss. United in the face of the adversary, [Team A] flipped the odds back onto their side as they narrowly cornered [Team B] to win the second goal, score.

As the match continued, [Team A] maintained their intense momentum by strengthening their defense, and going all out for their offense to the opposing team, and taking control of the field, ultimately winning the match, score.

With no thoughts of losing [Team B], now facing a 2-1 deficit, came out with revitalized energy, and presided over [Team A] by shooting an [], bolstering the team ahead, [].

In the last and decisive set, the pressure was on as all players were on their feet while they sought out the strategies and gameplay of the opponents, to gain victory in this crucial round. Keeping up with their previous win, [] leads this round. Still, with [] never-ending determination, they unfailingly reclaim the lacking points with [] delivering the final blow, bringing home the laurels and title as victors.

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Japan demolishes Spain in FIFA World Cup 2022, 2-1

In a jaw-dropping display feat of countless hours of endurance and training, Japan brought down the fire to the dauntless Spain as they dominated the field and triumphantly rose as champions in a neck-to-neck match with 2-1 on the line during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, on December 1, 2022.

As the match started, both teams were on the roll as they sought to overlook the entire game. The symposium was filled with cheers of encouragement as their preferred teams battled against each other. Leading the first charge was Alvaro Morata from Spain as he took the first goal within the span of 11 minutes in the game. With no looks of dismay, Japan quickly upped their power play with their intricate maneuvers and strategies leading to Ritsu Doan taking the second goal at 1-1.

As the play reached its thrilling stage, the atmosphere buzzed as excitement and tension electrified the entire arena. With both teams in a deadlock, both opposing teams exuded all their spirit and energy as they attempted to win this final quarter. However, in the crucial 53rd minute in the game, Ao Tanaka from Japan, lobbed the decisive shot earning them the crown of the game, 2-1.

"We knew it was going to be a battle out there, but when the whistle blew, we left everything on the field. This win isn't just about the goals; it's about the heart, the teamwork, and the belief that we could overcome anything. Tonight, we proved it," Ao Tanaka expressed wholeheartedly.

With their shining victory, Japan will now proceed to the next match as the winner from Group E and will go against Germany. This accomplishment not only gives way for the team to achieve their goals but also deepens the comradeship and will aid in paving more opportunities for the team.

Gilas Pilipinas overpowers rivals to keep Olympic dream alive

With the joint power of camaraderie and perseverance, Gilas Pilipinas together with their coach, Tim Cone, prosperously gained the coveted key to succeed for the Fiba Asia Cup 2025, as they triumphed in the qualifying game against the Chinese Taipei, 106-53, at the Philsports Arena on Sunday, February 25.

Following their hard-fought victory, Kai Sotto, one of the crucial players who boosted the team ahead with his awe-dropping double-double scoring 18 points as well as 10 rebounds, highlighted that this accomplishment is not merely concentrated on defeating the Chinese Taipei, rather, it largely focuses on the team's ultimate goal - to advance for the battle in the Olympics.

Supporting this objective, Coach Cone, the newly selected permanent coach, expressed his gratitude towards the fans for their never-ending support which led to the exhilarating success of the Gilas Pilipinas, reviving once more the Filipino pride and glory. Cone also underlined the team's ambition to qualify for the Olympics.

"This victory is just the beginning. Our eyes are set on the Olympics," Kai Sotto stressed in an interview.

This accomplishment not only gives way for the team to grab their goals but also deepens the comradeship and will aid in paving more opportunities for the Filipinos to shine and show their skills and talents. It is a testament of their willpower and will serve as the foundation for numerous Filipino Athletes towards their goals.

Among the tens of thousands of promising athletes across the country, the Philippines is in the presence of ascending young talented newcomers slowly making their way to the top spot globally. These trailblazers are paving the way for new prospects that will further enhance and develop the skills and talent of millions of people in the nation. Without a doubt, these pioneers are marking the honored name of the Philippines in their selected sports, charting new paths, and breaking stereotypes that revolve around Filipino sportspersons.

Within the walls of the arena, 7'3 Kai Sotto, a prominent member of the famed Adelaide 36ers, is shooting his way to the top as he exhibits his talented skill as the center and a forward in the team. As he continues to showcase his potential, the world is slowly turning its eyes upon him

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